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EO 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR UG US

SUBJECT: CLOSURE OF EMBASSY: STATUS REPORT, NOV. 5

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1. WE ARE BEGINNING TODAY TO INFORM PRIVATE AMCITS OF OUR DECISION TO CLOSE DOWN, VIA PHONE CALLS FROM CONSULAR OFFICER TO WARDENS AND HEADS OF HOMOGENEOUS GROUPS PLUS TELEGRAMS TO REMOTELY LOCATED INDIVIDUALS ASKING THEM CONFIDENTIAL

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TO CALL OR SEE CONSUL. WE EXPECT TO COMPLETE THIS

ASPECT OF INFORMING ALL REGISTERED PRIVATE AMCITS BY NOV. 7.

- 2. I CALLED ON THE PRO-NUNCIO AND ACTING DEAN, ARCHBISHOP BELLOTTI, TO ADVISE HIM PRIVATELY OF OUR DECISION. HE EXPECTS SOME ROMAN CATHOLIC MISSIONARIES WILL LEAVE, WHICH WILL FURTHER COMPLICATE CHURCH'S STAFFING PROBLEMS, ALREADY GRAVE OWING TO GOU'S REFUSAL TO RENEW RESIDENCE OR WORK PERMITS OF NUMBER OF PRIESTS AND NUNS.
- 3. ALSO INFORMED LOCAL EMPLOYEES OF OUR IMPENDING ACTION, REASONS THEREFOR, OUTLINED THEIR TERMINATION BENEFITS, AND SAID SOME WOULD BE RE-EMPLOYED BY PROTECTING POWER. THEY EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR PAST GOOD TREATMENT BY EMBASSY AS WELL AS UNDERSTANDING FOR DECISION WE HAVE REACHED.

  A NUMBER EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER ANTICIPATED DELAYS IN RECEIVING THEIR FINAL CHECKS, AND RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION REFUNDS (USAID EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN WAITING FOUR MONTHS). I SAID I WOULD ASK DEPT TO SPEED THINGS UP AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE.
- 4. HAVE ALSO BRIEFED ACTING BRITISH HC, HENNESSY, WHO IN EFFECT ALREADY KNEW SINCE LAST WEEK WE GAVE BHC CUSTODY OF OUR EMERGENCY RADIO EQUIPMENT, WHICH THEY WILL SHIP OUT AFTER OUR DEPARTURE. HENNESSY OFFERED TO SEND ANY CLASSIFIED TRAFFIC FOR US IF WE HAVE COMMUNICATIONS PROBLEMS IN FINAL DAYS.
- 5. HAVE AS YET MADE NO CONTACT WITH AMBASSADOR KOPF PENDING RECEIPT OF AUTHORIZATION FROM DEPARTMENT TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS. OVER WEEKEND HE WAS AWAY MOUNTAIN CLIMBING, AS HE IS MOST WEEKENDS.
- 6. FRG DCM HILLGENBERG HAS JUST ASKED TO SEE ME, SO I SUPPOSE WE CAN MOVE AHEAD WITH THEM. KEELEY

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